

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the examiner for the cordiality of the personal interview conducted on May 21, 2003. Claims 1-22 are currently in the case. Claims 1-22 stand rejected. By this amendment, claims 23 and 24 are added to more clearly define elements distinguishing Applicant's invention from the prior art cited by the examiner, as thoroughly discussed in the interview. Applicant believes the language of claims 1-22 renders them allowable as they currently stand in light of Applicant's specification. Nevertheless, Applicant has added claims 23 and 24, adding further detail and limitations to the elements recited in independent claims 1 and 14 in order to expedite examination and arrive at an early agreement on allowable subject matter.

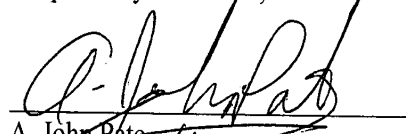
With respect to newly added claims 23 and 24, Applicant has provided language to illustrate the logical connection between the recited limitations, as requested by the examiner. Claims 23 and 24 further define what is meant by "micro-context" as meaning "assembling words of the textual input to form small, coherent groups to determine the meaning of the textual input" (See page 14, lines 4-6 of Applicant's specification). Claims 23 and 24 further recite determining at least one of "characteristics of the user" and "characteristics of prior searches conducted by the user" (See page 14, lines 13-18 of Applicant's specification).

With respect to claim 24, Applicant has further defined what is meant by macro-context as containing "substantially the entire text of web pages provided by more than one separately independent entities" (See page 15, line 1 of Applicant's specification).

In the event that the examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of any of these claims, which could be clarified in a telephone conference, the examiner is respectfully urged to initiate the same with the undersigned.

DATED this 12th day of August, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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